

26 July 1956

REPORT TO: *Director of Central Intelligence*  
VIA: *Director of Training*  
SUBJECT: *Field Trip to Cherry Point, North Carolina*  
REFERENCE: *CIA Notice* [REDACTED]

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1. Purpose of Trip

*In compliance with a request which was received from the Headquarters of the Marine Air Reserve Training program, Glenview, Illinois, and approved by the DCI, C/OB/IS lectured to the Marine Air Reserve Training Command officers on 25 July 1956 at Cherry Point, North Carolina.*

2. Major Activity

a. *A one-hour presentation which was formulated and given in consecutive order in response to eight initial inquiries made by the regular members of the staff and some of the reserve officers.*

b. *An ad hoc question and answer period.*

3. Findings

a. *The Marine Air Reserve Training Command decided last week to limit the audience to key personnel numbering approximately 75. All of these individuals, which included the regular staff members, are very well versed in intelligence matters and therefore the decision to limit the audience lent more freedom and flexibility to the program.*

b. *Brig. Gen. Arthur F. Binney, the Commander of the Marine Air Reserve Training, introduced C/OB/IS and then remained for the program. He and some of his key staff officers are very interested in the training conducted by CIA and some of them expressed a desire to meet with our Director of Training. It is, therefore,*

*quite possible that the DTR will hear directly from Gen. Blinney or someone associated with him.*

*c. C/OB/IS was very impressed by the caliber of training being conducted by the Marine Air Reserve group for their intelligence officers throughout the country. From Glenview, Illinois to the reserve officers goes a constant flow of directions and reports on intelligence projects which are being worked upon by the reserve officers. Then once a year, all of those east of the Mississippi and all of those west of the Mississippi meet in separate groups for two weeks of intensive examination of projects, evaluation of progress, and determination of direction of future programs. The meeting at Cherry Point was of those from east of the Mississippi.*

*d. Many of those in the audience expressed the desire for assignment or employment with CIA.*

*Attached is a copy of the booklet covering in a general way the Marine Air Reserve Training program for 1956.*

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